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In re Patent Application of:
Hendrik Louis BIJL, et al.

Application No.: 08/821,025

Filed: March 19, 1997

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A
GRANULAR MICROBIAL BIOMASS AND
ISOLATION OF A COMPOUND
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Examiner: I. Marx

Art Unit: 1651

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office action herein mailed June 10, 2003, setting a time for response to expire on December 10, 2003. A petition for an extension of time of three (3) months until December 10, 2003 in which to respond is attached herewith along with the required fee. Claims 68-95 were rejected in the Office action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendments and remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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